

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-44, which stand rejected in the above-identified application. In view of the following discussion, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action at page 3, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 11-17, 19-26, 31-37, and 39-44 under 35 U.S.C. §102(c) as being anticipated by U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0105508 to Saha (hereinafter "Saha"). In the Office Action at page 20, the Examiner rejected claims 7-10, 18, 27-30, and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Saha in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0107991 to Tezuka et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant herein adopts the remarks from Applicant's January 31, 2008 Response, and submits and includes herewith the Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131 of named inventor James Karanassos swearing behind the Saha reference. Applicant also submits and includes herewith the abstract disclosure of the present invention and the related email establishing that the conception of the present invention antedates the Saha reference. Indeed, the Declaration and supplemental evidence establish the conception and diligent reduction to practice of the present invention. As such, Applicant submits that the requirements set forth in MPEP §§715.02 and 715.07 are, therefore, met. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's §102(c) and §103(a) rejections be withdrawn.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance in view of the above remarks and amendments. In the event there are any fees due and owing in connection with this matter, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

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